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Utilization of the provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs

Note by the Secretary-General

1. A provision of US$ 163,178,100 (before recosting) has been sought for special political missions under section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.[1] The provision of $163,178,100, after recosting, is equivalent to $169,431,700. As described in paragraph 3.56 of section 3, the utilization of the amount would be subject to individual legislative mandates and approval by the General Assembly as and when the Security Council and/or the General Assembly established or renewed such mandates.

2. During the current session, the General Assembly will approve a number of charges in the context of statements of programme budget implications and estimates pertaining to mandates authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council totalling $142,476,900 against the provision of $169,431,700 for special political missions requested in section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, as detailed in the annex to the present report.

3. **The Fifth Committee may wish to note that, after the amount of $142,476,900 is charged against the provision for special political missions, the unallocated resources in the provision for special political missions amount to $26,954,800.**

Notes

[1] A/58/6 (Sect. 3).

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Annex

Provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Estimated amount to be appropriated at current 2004-2005 rates		**169 431.7**
Utilization of the provision (charges against the provision):		
1. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/C.5/58/26, A/58/7/Add.22 and A/C.5/58/SR.xx and _____)	245.9	
2. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (A/C.5/58/30, A/58/7/Add.25 and A/C.5/58/SR.xx and _____)	218.0	
3. The situation in Central America — United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA) (A/C.5/58/29, A/58/7/Add.24 and A/C.5/58/SR.xx and _____)	6 721.1	
4 Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/C.5/58/20, table 1, part II; A/58/7/Add.18; and A/C.5/58/SR.29 and xx)	133 119.5	
5. United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (A/58/370, A/58/538, A/58/598 and A/C.5/58/xx)	2 172.4	
Total charges		**142 476.9**
Unallocated balance		**26 954.8**